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The Honorable Ken Calvert United States House of Representatives 2201 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Calvert:

On behalf of the more than 900,000 members of THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®, I wish to convey our support for H.R. 2828, the "Water Supply, Reliability and Environmental Improvement Act."

A reliable water supply is crucial to continued economic development. When businesses question whether to establish or expand their operations because of concerns over unreliable water supplies, real estate development suffers. We must balance our nation's water resources so that we meet the needs of development, agriculture and the environment. By promoting both traditional and alternative methods of increasing water supply and improving water reliability and quality, H.R. 2828 achieves that balance.

We look forward to working with you to secure passage of H.R. 2828 in the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Sincerely,

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